

CHE-Penn E-Newsletter #1, June, 2005

-----CHE-Penn Partner meeting, May 26, 2005-----

The CHE-Penn meeting on May 26th attracted 35 partners and friends (from among the now seventy CHE-Penn partners!). We had a lively discussion that generated four temporary committees to focus on a few specific issues. Please review the minutes of the meeting at <http://che-penn.org/meetings/52605minutes.html>. Let me know if there are any additions or changes to be made and I'll post corrections.

In an effort to limit the times we meet, we've set up a mailing list for each of the temporary committees. If you signed up at the meeting, you already received an invitation to join one of the following groups:

CHE-Penn BassMaster - planning activities around July BassMaster festival taking place in Pittsburgh July 29-31.

CHE-Penn Medical Writers - planning activities around the September conference of the American Medical Writers Association that is taking place in Pittsburgh (amwa.org)

CHE-Penn Public Education - planning environmental health lectures for gen. public

CHE-Penn Health Professional Education - planning environmental health lectures for healthcare professionals

Given how busy everyone is, I'd like to recommend using these lists as much as possible to plan activities for these events. To join a list, send the name of the list(s) you want to participate in to Laurie Mann (lauriem@dpsinfo.com)

Once you're a member of a list, YahooGroups has a Web interface to each group. You can opt out of receiving list E-mail and just check the Web site at your convenience or you can get digest mail sent to you once a day.

-----CHE-Penn Partner Introduction: Berks County EAC-----

Welcome, Berks County Environmental Advisory Council! Please check out their amazing website; a great resource for Berks County communities that could become a model for other counties: <http://www.BerksEAC.org>

-----CHE-Penn Partner Profile & Event Announcement: P.U.S.H.-----

PUSH/PUR-HC sponsors a briefing for health care workers on a Universal Health Care Reform Proposal for Pennsylvania

In 2002 the Institute of Medicine estimated that the lack of health insurance leads to delayed diagnosis, life-threatening complications, and, ultimately, 18,000 premature deaths every year. The number of uninsured is growing each year and now easily

exceeds 45 million.

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH PUR-HC and PUSH will hold a BRIEFING on HEALTHCARE FOR ALL AND HOW TO GET THERE IN PA. at Panera's in Oakland on the Boulevard of the Allies.

Steve Larchuk, a malpractice attorney who has met with people across the state and has prepared a draft bill will be presenter. This is one of several briefings tailored for local officials, small business leaders, providers, non-profits, and religious leaders. We welcome any suggestions.

RSVP: Contact John Stephen or Sandy Orr at the PUSH office, 412-431-2075, sandyatpush@yahoo.com. For a donation of \$10 or more you will be provided with the book HEALTH CARE MELTDOWN by Robert LeBow, M.D. in which he makes a very persuasive case and answers all the misunderstandings about healthcare for all.

-----Please submit to CHE-Penn E-News-----

The deadline for the July E-Newsletter is June 30th. Please send short announcements and events to list to Steffi Domike at: che-penn@comcast.net.